

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

July 2010 – Week 2

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TITLE: CAPITAL FAILURE

JULY 1830 AND MEXICO FIGHTS TO SECURE IT'S BORDER.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JULY 13, 1830. THE BRAZOS NEAR CALDWELL. WITH THE LAW OF APRIL 6, MEXICO WANTS TO STOP THE FLOW OF WHITE IMMIGRANTS ENTERING TEXAS. TODAY, LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANCISCO RUIZ ARRIVES TO BUILD A FORT TO DO JUST THAT.

MEANT TO BE A FUTURE TEXAS CAPITAL, THE PLACE IS NAMED TENOXTITLAN AFTER THE AZTEC CAPITAL.

SIX MONTHS LATER, THE FIRST IMMIGRANTS ARRIVE TO SETTLE THEIR MEXICAN LAND GRANT. BUT RUIZ IS ORDERED TO SEND THEM BACK ACROSS THE BORDER. SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR PLIGHT, RUIZ DELAYS AND THE COLONISTS MOVE ON.

SOON, THE FORT FAILS AND TEXAS IS OVERRUN. FOUR YEARS LATER, THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS REVOLT . . . AND A NEW REPUBLIC IS BORN.

MEXICAN BORDER SECURITY FAILED 180 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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